

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MARCH 18, 2008

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met March 18, 2008, by published call in the County Board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bud Jeffries.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Robert Rye.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were, Scott Arnold was absent. Jim Eriksen, Robert Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, Robert Rye and Daniel Wagoner. Also present was Deputy County Attorney Jack Zitterkopf.

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING LAW - Chairman Jeffries read the notice of open meeting law.

CONSENT AGENDA – Rye made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Placed on file the minutes of the March 4, 2008 meeting
2. 12 Approved Resolution #08-014 for exchange of collateral for Exchange Bank in the amount of \$500,000.00
3. 13 Approved Resolution #08-015 for additional collateral for US Bank in the amount of \$105,000.00
4. 18 Placed on file the office reports from the County Attorney, County Clerk, County Court, Clerk of the District Court, Hall & Howard County Juvenile Services, Register of Deeds and County Sheriff
5. 19 Placed on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
6. 20 Placed on file communications as received

Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

OFFICE REPORT HALL COUNTY CLERK FEBRUARY 2008

TITLE FEES STATE	\$ 14,844.75
TITLE FEES COUNTY	\$ 7,730.25
MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ 540.00
RECORDING FEES	\$ 10.00
PHOTO FEES/FAX FEES & MISC.	\$ 54.50
PLAT BOOKS/OTHER	\$ 36.00
CERTIFIED COPIES MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ 190.00
TIME CARD FEES	.00
RETURNED CHECKS	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 23,405.50

OFFICE REPORT
REGISTER OF DEEDS
FEBRUARY 2008

DOCUMENTARY STAMP FEES	\$ 7,559.74
RECORDING FEES	19,067.00
PHOTO FEES	382.90

OFFICE REPORT
COUNTY COURT
FEBRUARY 2008

FINES (CO.)	\$ 55,891.37
OVERLOAD FINES	125.00
REIMBURSE SHERIFF FEES	2,705.71
WORK RELEASE FEES	1,730.00
REIMBURSE FAX COPIES	69.25
FINES (CITY)	9,657.00
REIMBURSE WITNESS FEES	1,188.23
BOND FORFEITURES	2,378.93
REIMBURSE CO. FEES	580.75
TOTAL	\$ 74,326.24

OFFICE REPORT
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
FEBRUARY 2008

COURT COSTS	\$ 4,023.13
10% BOND	455.00
FINES	1,204.00
PHOTO COPIES	554.25
FAX FEES	15.00
INTEREST	525.03
BOARD OF PRISIONERS	749.00
BOND FORFEITURE	.2,250.00
PASSPORT PROCESSING FEE	4,850.00
POSTAGE	13.99

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF
JANUARY 2008

TOTAL FEES MILEAGE & MISC	\$17,129.76
HANDGUN APPLICATIONS	90.00
TITLE INSPECTIONS	2,860.00
COPIES	43.00

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES
FEBRUARY 2008

JUVENILE REFERRALS	36 JUVENILES
JUVENILE OFFENDERS	0 JUVENILES
JUVENILE HOUSE ARREST	1 JUVENILES
TOTAL UNDER SUPERVISION	252 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED	\$ 1,320.00

OFFICE REPORT
HOWARD COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES
JANUARY 2008

JUVENILE REFERRALS	0 JUVENILES
TOTAL JUVENILE ENROLLEES	10 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED FOR MONTH	\$ 100.00
FEES COLLECTED FOR YEAR	\$ 850.00

9:05 a.m. Held a Board of Equalization meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Jeffries called for public participation and no one responded.

5. CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING DRUG COURT JOB DESCRIPTION AND CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT JOB DESCRIPTION – This item will be postponed for two weeks.

14 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON LEGISLATIVE BILLS – Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka provide information to the board regarding the legislative bills. She noted that on LB 587 Senator Aguilar's bill on jail reimbursement this was only to remove the lid limit but there are no appropriations to fully fund the reimbursements so there would not be any changes. The governor stated that if this is increased he would line item veto any increase.

She stated that there are several bill s that have been postponed indefinitely or are still in committee.

Wagoner stated that the bill that is proposing to require seat belts on school buses may cause problems. This may be cost prohibitive for the school districts.

21 BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS - Wagoner stated that the public work committee met and it was brought to their attention by Jeff Palik that there could be some federal grant money for rural roads. The county would have to apply for the funds. County

Surveyor Casey Sherlock has designated 4 areas in the county that he would like to address and apply for the grant funds. The funding would be an 80/20 match.

Wagoner stated that he attended the extension board meeting and they are excited about the national shooting competition. He also mentioned that the extension office offers several family orientated programs and questioned if the board may be interested in a presentation. Jeffries stated that the extension office has a wealth of information available.

Lancaster stated that it would be a good idea to have the presentation from the extension office. She reminded the board members that the minutes from the committee meetings are in their boxes. The corrections department is offering tours of the facility to the public after 5:00 p.m. She stated that the work on the old safety center is progressing and they have been using inmate trustee's to clean up the old facility and they are working on the signage for the old safety center. They met with Victor Aufderberg regarding the walkway and discussed the utilities that will need to be moved they hope to have a drawing of the proposed walkway in two weeks. She also attended the Senior Citizens Center meeting and Midland Area Agency on Aging meeting in Hastings. She has participated in the Institute of Excellence program that is being sponsored by NACO,

5. 9:30 a.m. PUBLIC HEARING ELECTRONIC SERVICES FOR COMMUNICATIONS TOWER - Lancaster made a motion and Rye seconded to open the public hearing for the renewal of the conditional use permit for Electronic Services. Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

Building Inspector Max Boerson was present and stated that this is for a 300 foot communications tower and there is a 12' by 20' equipment building located on the Emil Schaaf property. He stated that there have not been any problems and they are recommending to approve the permit for 5 years.

Chairman Jeffries called for public participation and no one responded.

Lancaster made a motion and Humiston seconded to go out of the public hearing. Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

Lancaster made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the conditional use permit for Electronic Services. The committee met on this and they recommended staying with the 5 year renewals. Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Jeffries called for any more board member reports and no one responded.

16 APPROVE BI WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND REGULAR CLAIMS – The board members reviewed the claims.

Lancaster made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the bi weekly pay claims and regular claims. Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

6 9:40 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING FOR ELECTONIC SERVICES FOR COMMUNICATIONS TOWER – Eriksen made a motion and Humiston seconded to open the public hearing. Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

Max Boerson stated that the conditional use permit was up for renewal and he advertised for the public hearing but last week Mr. Encinger with Electronic Services contacted him and stated that they did not wish to renew the permit because they decided the tower isn't needed.

Chairman Jeffries called for public participation.

Chuck Encinger 1118 East Capital Grand Island with Electronic Services was present and he stated that business has changed and they do not need the tower so it will be torn down. They did not submit an application.

Lancaster made a motion and Wagoner seconded to go out of the public hearing. Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

7. 9:50 a.m. PUBLIC HEARING RENEWAL FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR COOPERATIVE PRODUCERS INC (previously Heartland Coop Wood River) Eriksen made a motion and Humiston seconded to open the public hearing. Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

Max Boerson stated that this is located 1 ½ miles west on Wood River Road it provides anhydrous ammonia fertilizer, propane, seed and chemicals for the local farms. This is a renewal and they requested a 20 year renewal.

Chairman Jeffries called for public participation.

Dan Olsen, Chief Operations Officer for Cooperative Producers was present and stated that they submitted a letter requesting the renewal. This is an ag service business and they have 30 locations in central Nebraska. They sell anhydrous fertilizer, fuel seed and chemicals. They are requesting a 20 year permit because of the investment in the property. He distributed an aerial photo of the location.

Wagoner stated that because of the propane that they sell this would have to be a 5 year permit.

Chairman Jeffries called for public participation and no one responded.

Rye made a motion and Lancaster seconded to go out of the public hearing. Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

Lancaster made a motion and Rye seconded to approve the conditional use permit for Cooperative Produces for 5 years. Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

8. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING RENEWAL FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR PLATTE RIVER BY PRODUCTS - Rye made a motion and Lancaster seconded to open the public hearing. Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

Max Boerson stated that this is a renewal for the conditional use permit for Platte River By Products 5151 West Guenther Road. This is an animal and poultry business and they are asking for a 5 year renewal. He stated that there have not been any problems.

Chairman Jeffries called for public participation.

Travis Rasmussen, plant manager was present and stated that this is the same operation that has been there since 1940. They are now producing dog food from the beef and lamb by products and sell it to other companies. Their operation is still the same.

Wagoner stated that he has not heard of any complaints and stated that they offer a good service and respond promptly to calls.

Eriksen questioned if the product has changed since they produce the dog food and Chad Nabity stated that it does not make any difference or require any changes.

Eriksen made a motion and Wagoner seconded to go out of the public hearing. Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

Rye made a motion and Lancaster seconded to approve the conditional use permit for Platte River By Products. Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

11 ROB SCHULTZ UPDATE FROM WEED DEPARTMENT – Robert Schultz Weed Superintendent presented a power point presentation on the weed department activities. He is currently serving as the president of the North American Weed Management Association and he reviewed some of their activities. He reviewed information on the various noxious weeds.

He noted the following activities of the weed department:

- The department sprayed 3,600 acres
- They applied ground sterilant on 268 acres
- They sprayed 585 acres with the tractor
- They sprayed 550 acres with the 4 wheeler
- They completed number jobs for the City
- They also sprayed the County right-of-way

He recently attended the North American Weed Management Association conference in Washington DC.

Mr. Schultz noted that the revenue for his department in 1998 – 1999 was \$59,170.00 and in 2006 – 2007 the revenue was \$149,800.00. He stated that he did receive a grant

in the amount of \$16,976.00 and he is hoping to receive another grant from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

LB701 granted \$1.9 million for vegetation control in the Platte River and he is hoping to receive \$500,000.00 or \$800,000.00 to address the Platte River in Hall County. He also stated that he appreciates the equipment that the board has allowed him to purchase.

The North American Weed Management Association Conference will be held in Billings Montana and in 2009 it will be held in Kearney Nebraska.

He asked if the board had any questions.

Eriksen questioned who is responsible for paying for weed control and if the land owners would be responsible for the issues on the streams and rivers. Mr. Schultz stated that they hope to secure grants to help with these projects. Mr. Eriksen also expressed concern on how the classification of a noxious weed is determined. Mr. Schultz stated that he held a board of directors meeting regarding the designation of phragmites as a noxious weed and the directors of all regions attended and 6 voted to designate it as a noxious weed and 3 did not. So he had to carry it forward.

The board thanked him for the information.

10:30 A.M. BID OPENING FOR INTENSIVE USE OFFICE CHAIRS FOR THE CORRECTION FACILITY - The following bids were received and read:

BIDDER	TOTAL BID
KLog	
Zion , Illinois	\$24,964.00
Scope Technologies	
Elkhart, Indiana	\$ 35,684.00

Lancaster made a motion and Rye seconded to refer the bids to the corrections steering committee and they will meet today and come back with a recommendation. Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for the correction steering committee to meet.

Lancaster stated that the committee reviewed the bids but they will need additional time to make sure that the products meet the specifications. This will be addressed in two weeks.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Jeffries requested that cell phone be turned off when in the board room and to go out of the room to take a call. He stated that he appreciates the cooperation.

Wagoner requested to address the committee report and expressed concern that all of the information may not be passed to the rest of the board members. The items need to come to the full board for discussion.

He expressed concern on the \$4,000.00 expense on a snow blade and questioned why they couldn't use the trustees to move snow. The county needs to be more prudent with the money.

Lancaster stated that if there are questions on the committee minutes he needs to ask the committee.

Jeffries stated that he wants to make sure that all issue come to the full board for discussion so the public is aware of the board's action.

Wagoner also expressed concern on the pickup that was purchased for the corrections department and stated that he does not think this is the right type of equipment.

Jeffries called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. the next meeting will be April 1, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk